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In Application of: Andrew R. Marks Docket No.: 5199-223
Serial No.: 10/608,723 Examiner: Ruixiang Li
Filed: June 26, 2003 Group Art Unit: 1646
Title: **METHODS FOR TREATING AND PREVENTING CARDIAC
ARRHYTHMIA**

September 15, 2004

Commissioner for Patents
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**RESPONSE TO JULY 15, 2004 OFFICE ACTION
AND PETITION FOR ONE-MONH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

A response to the July 15, 2004 Office Action was originally due on August 15, 2004. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action. Authorization is hereby given to charge \$55.00, the fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity, to Deposit Account No. 02-4270. With the one-month extension of time, a response to the Office Action is now due on September 15, 2004. Accordingly, this response is being timely filed.

In response to the July 15, 2004 restriction requirement, Applicant elects for further prosecution the invention of Group I, encompassing claims 1-6 and 13-18. This election is made with traverse, for the reasons set forth below, and without prejudice to Applicant's right to file divisional applications covering the subject matter of the non-elected claims.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the restriction requirement and submits that the inventions of Groups I, II, III and IV should be considered together. Claims 1-6 of Group I are generally directed to a method for treating atrial tachyarrhythmia, using an agent that inhibits protein kinase A (PKA) phosphorylation of a type 2 ryanodine receptor (RyR2) in the heart. Claims 13-18 of Group I are generally directed to a method for inhibiting the onset of atrial tachyarrhythmia, using an agent that inhibits PKA phosphorylation of an RyR2 in the heart. Group II (claims 7, 8, 19 and 20) is generally directed to methods for treating, or inhibiting the onset of, atrial tachyarrhythmia, using an agent that mimics the binding of an FKBP12.6 binding protein to an RyR2 in the heart. Group III (claims 9-11 and 21-23) is

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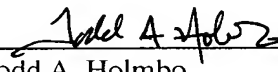
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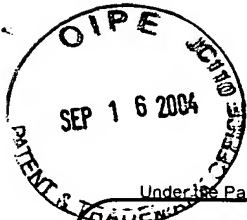
generally drawn to articles of manufacture that comprise an agent that inhibits PKA phosphorylation of an RyR2 in the heart, or an agent that inhibits dissociation of an FKBP12.6 binding protein from an RyR2 in the heart, for use in the treatment or inhibition of onset of atrial tachyarrhythmia. Finally, Group IV (claims 12 and 24) is generally drawn to articles of manufacture that comprise an agent that mimics binding of an FKBP12.6 binding protein to an RyR2, for use in treating, or inhibiting the onset of, atrial tachyarrhythmia.

Based upon the foregoing, the claims of Groups I, II, III and IV all generally relate to treating, or inhibiting the onset of, atrial tachyarrhythmia, using agents that affect various states (*e.g.*, phosphorylation state, FKPB12.6-binding state, etc.) of RyR2 in the heart. Therefore, Applicant submits that Groups I, II, III and IV (claims 1-24) should be examined together as one application, as the fields of search involved in examining these groups would, as a practical matter, be essentially co-extensive, and the best interests of the public would be served by having all of the subject matter claimed in these groups in the same application. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

No fee, other than the \$55.00 fee for a one-month extension of time for a small entity, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this response. Should any additional fee be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with the subject application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4270.

Respectfully submitted,


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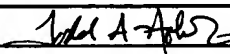
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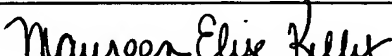
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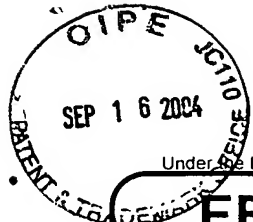
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